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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for attracting and holding rodents within a confined area, said apparatus comprising:

a cage formed from durable material and having a cavity sufficient for holding a plurality of rodents therein, said cage including oppositely spaced end portions having a plurality of apertures formed therein for defining an entrance path into said cage respectively, said cage further including a top surface having an aperture formed therein for defining a path through which bait may be deposited into said cage, said cage further including a bottom surface including a door pivotally attached to said cage for allowing a user to access rodents trapped within said cage, said cage further including a plurality of trap doors pivotally connected to said cage and adjacent said opposed end portions for causing rodents to enter the cavity and become trapped therein as the rodents move towards the bait[-],said plurality of trap doors comprising

a plurality of outer end portions;

a plurality of deformably resilient spring members directly connected to said plurality of outer end portions and said cage, said spring members being adaptable between tensed and relaxed positions, said spring members being adapted to a tensed position when the rodents enter said apparatus through the entrance paths and move inwardly towards the bait, said plurality of trap doors pivoting downwardly about said plurality of outer end portions thereof when said spring members are adapted to a tensed position, said spring members being adapted to a relaxed position when said plurality of trap doors pivot upwardly to a resting position after rodents enter the cavity; and